

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

December 19, 2003

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held Monday, December 15, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Center.

All members of the Council were present except Councilor Veilleux; Mayor Dowling presided.

Presentation - Augusta Elks Lodge

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

155 ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meeting held December 3, 2003 submitted by the Acting City Clerk be approved.

Yeas: 7; Sotir, Doore, Foster,  
O'Brien, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

156 ORDERED, That Roll of Accounts #5 for the month of November 2003 in the amount of \$3,788,302.39 be approved.

Yeas: 7; Sotir, Doore, Foster,  
O'Brien, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

157 ORDERED, That the report regarding the City's financial position through November 2003 be presented and accepted upon presentation.

Yeas: 7; Sotir, Doore, Foster,  
O'Brien, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

158 ORDERED, That the City Council schedule of meetings for 2004 (as required by Article II, Section 2-50 of the City Code of Ordinances) be set as follows:

January 5 - Business Meeting to include swearing in of  
Newly Elected Officials  
January 12 - Informational Meeting

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

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January 20 - Business Meeting

January 26 - Informational Meeting

For the remainder of the year, Business Meetings will be held on the first and third Mondays of each month. Informational Meetings will be called by the Mayor or City Manager on an as-needed basis. Business Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. and Informational Meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m.

If a meeting date falls on a holiday or if there is a fifth Monday in a month, there will not be a meeting unless it is deemed necessary by the City Council.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the Mayor, City Council or City Manager may amend or revise dates and times of meetings as is deemed necessary.

Yeas: 7; Sotir, Doore, Foster,  
O'Brien, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

159 ORDERED, That the City Council authorize a 1.5% cost-of-living salary increase, reflecting parity with union contracts, to non-union employees of the City for calendar year 2004.

ORDERED, That the City Council authorize the following to be paid for group insurance provided to non-union employees and their dependants.

Effective January 1, 2004, the City will continue to pay 90% of the total monthly health insurance premiums for employees and their eligible dependants. Employees will be responsible for the remaining 10% of the total premium.

Effective January 1, 2004, the City will continue to pay 100% of the total monthly premium for an employee's dental insurance. Employees may elect dependant coverage at their cost.

Yeas: 7; Sotir, Doore, Foster,  
O'Brien, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

160 ORDERED, That in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-33 of the Revised Code of Ordinances, the following fee schedule be effective on December 26, 2003 and placed on file in the City Clerk's Office:

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES:	CURRENT	PROPOSED
New	.12 p/sq.ft.	.18 p/sq.ft.
Renovation	.09 p/sq.ft.	.13 p/sq.ft.
Plan Review	7.50	30.00

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES:

New	.09 p/sq.ft.	.12 p/sq.ft.
Renovation	.06 p/sq.ft.	.07 p/sq.ft.
Plan Review	7.50	15.00

MINOR STRUCTURES:

	.03 p/sq.ft.	.05 p/sq.ft.
- porches,		
- decks,		
- residential garages for 4 or less vehicles,		
- utility sheds less than 250 sq. ft.,		
- small agricultural barns less than 500 sq. ft.,		
- parking lots		

LATE SUBMISSION FEE: 0 Fee X 2

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

Appeal CEO decision	35.00	50.00
Appeal Planning Board decision	50.00	100.00
Variance	35.00	100.00

Yeas: 7; Sotir, Doore, Foster  
O'Brien, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

161 ORDERED, That the following schedule of fees for signs be effective on December 26, 2003:

	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Signs: freestanding/wall/projecting - internally illuminated		
6 sq. ft. - single face	30.00	40.00

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

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6 sq. ft. - double faced	40.00	50.00
8 sq. ft. - single face	40.00	50.00
8 sq. ft. - double faced	50.00	60.00
15 sq. ft. - single face	50.00	60.00
15 sq. ft. - double faced	60.00	70.00
120 sq. ft. - single face	60.00	70.00
120 sq. ft. - double faced	70.00	80.00
200 sq. ft. - single face	70.00	80.00
200 sq. ft. - double faced	80.00	90.00
Signs: freestanding/wall/projecting - not internally illuminated		
6 sq. ft. - single face	15.00	25.00
6 sq. ft. - double faced	20.00	30.00
8 sq. ft. - single face	20.00	30.00
8 sq. ft. - double faced	25.00	35.00
15 sq. ft. - single face	30.00	40.00
15 sq. ft. - double faced	35.00	45.00
120 sq. ft. - single face	40.00	50.00
120 sq. ft. - double faced	45.00	55.00
200 sq. ft. - single face	50.00	60.00
200 sq. ft. - double faced	55.00	65.00
Directory Signs		
16 sq. ft. - single face	20.00	30.00
16 sq. ft. - double faced	30.00	40.00
32 sq. ft. - single face	30.00	40.00
32 sq. ft. - double faced	40.00	50.00
Home Occupation Signs		
2 sq. ft. - single face	15.00	25.00
2 sq. ft. - double faced	20.00	30.00
Portable - (15 days per year)		
32 sq. ft. - single face	50.00	60.00
32 sq. ft. - double faced	75.00	90.00
O.B.D.S. (Outside Business District Signs)	5.00	25.00
Sandwich Board Signs (6 sq. ft.)	25.00	50.00

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

161	Continued		
	Advertising/promotional signs/banners	7.50	30.00
	(special event only) 15 working days		
	Zoning Review Fee - Required with	7.50	-
	submission of permit application		
	Signs placed without a required permit p/day		50.00
	Yeas: 7; Sotir, Doore, Foster		
	O'Brien, Davis, Koski, Lund		
	Nays: 0		

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Veilleux  
Acting City Clerk